

MAESTEG URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

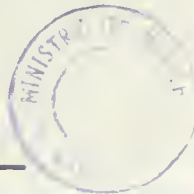
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(1957)

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Assistant County Medical Officer

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HAROLD M. BARROW

September, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the Maesteg Urban
District Council.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Maesteg Urban District for the year 1957, during which time the Office of Medical Officer of Health was held by Dr. Donald W. Foster, who relinquished his appointment in March of this year to take up an appointment as Medical Officer of Health to the Pontypridd Urban District Council.

As a result I shall confine my comments to essential statistics only.

(1) INFANT MORTALITY :

Unfortunately the temporary improvement shown last year of 24.13 infant deaths per thousand live births, has not been maintained, the figure for this year being 30.14. For comparison the figures for England and Wales and the Administrative County of Glamorgan are 23.00 and 31.45 respectively. It will be seen therefore that although the infant mortality rate for Maesteg is higher than that obtaining in England and Wales as a whole, yet it does not exceed the general rate for Glamorgan.

Of importance is the fact that 10 out of the 11 deaths occurring were in babies under 4 weeks of age, and that the eleventh was from a condition which undoubtedly had its onset in that same period of life. These neo-natal deaths remain throughout the country as the "hard core" of infantile mortality and it would appear that the solution to the problem may lie more in the work of the maternal and child welfare services than in those aspects of environmental hygiene which concern the members of this Council.

(2) DEATH-RATE (ALL AGES COMBINED) :

The adjusted local death-rate for Maesteg is 15.20, in comparison with 13.99 for the administrative county and is considerably higher than that for England and Wales as a whole. In general, analysis of the deaths by cause indicates that the conditions of prime importance are diseases of the heart and circulatory system, malignant disease, and bronchitis, a pattern which is in evidence throughout the country.

Cancer of the lung has achieved considerable prominence in recent years, but it is of interest to note that motor vehicle accidents were responsible for as many deaths in this area as lung cancer, followed closely by other accidents which caused as many deaths as influenza. Accidental causes of death, both on the roads and in the home must therefore claim considerable attention in the preventive field in the future.

(3) Much work remains to be done in improving the standards of housing and abating the overcrowding that exists. It is encouraging that 83 new houses have been erected by the Council during the year, and it is hoped that a vigorous policy in this respect will continue to be followed since unsatisfactory housing undoubtedly constitutes the most clamant problem existing in the area at the present time,

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council and the Staff of the Health Department for the welcome and help extended to me in taking up my post as Medical Officer of Health.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

C. J. REVINGTON.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS
MAESTEG URBAN DISTRICT

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Area in Acres | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,709 |
| Population 1957 (Estimated) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22,640 |
| " 1891 Census | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9,471 |
| " 1901 " ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15,015 |
| " 1911 " ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24,977 |
| " 1921 " ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28,960 |
| " 1931 " ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25,552 |
| " 1951 " ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23,124 |
| Rateable Value at 1.4.58. | ... | ... | ... | ... | £136,431 |
| Sum Represented by a Penny Rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | £505 |

| | | | | <u>Per 1,000 Live Persons</u> |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Birth Rate for 1957 | ... | ... | ... | 16.12 |
| Average Birth Rate for previous 10 years | ... | ... | ... | 18.91 |
| Death Rate (from All Causes) for 1957 | ... | ... | ... | 11.97 (Crude) |
| | | | | 15.20 (Adjusted) |
| Average Death Rate for previous 10 years | ... | ... | ... | 12.44 |
| Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for 1957 | ... | ... | ... | 0.22 |
| Average Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for previous 10 years | ... | ... | ... | 0.46 |
| Death Rate from Other Forms of Tuberculosis for 1957 | ... | ... | ... | 0.04 |
| Infantile Mortality Rate for 1957 | ... | ... | ... | 30.14 |
| Average Infantile Mortality Rate for previous 10 years | ... | ... | ... | 41.14 |

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS
MAESTEG URBAN DISTRICT

Births :-

| | | | | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | 187 | 170 | 357 |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Still-Births | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| Birth Rate | ... | ... | ... | | | 16.12 |
| Birth Rate, England & Wales | | | ... | | | 16.10 |

Deaths :-

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-----|---------|---|-----|-------|---|-------|
| Males | - | 147 | Females | - | 124 | Total | - | 271 |
| Crude Death Rate | | | ... | | ... | ... | | 11.97 |
| Comparability Factor | | | ... | | ... | ... | | 1.27 |
| Corrected Death Rate | | | ... | | ... | ... | | 15.20 |
| Death Rate, England & Wales | | | ... | | ... | ... | | 11.50 |

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :-

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|------|
| Rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|------|

Deaths of Infants under One year of Age :-

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Rate per 1,000 Live Births | | ... | ... | ... | 30.14 |

Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of Age :-

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Rate per 1,000 Live Births | | ... | ... | 27.40 |

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea (under 2 years) | | | | 0 |
| Deaths from Measles, All ages | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough, All ages | | ... | ... | 0 |

SUMMARY OF THE CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES
AND THEIR RATES FOR THE YEAR 1957
(Civilian and Non-Civilian)
Maesteg Urban District

| | | Number of Deaths | | | Rate per 1,000 |
|-----|---|---------------------|----|-------|----------------------|
| | | M | F | Total | |
| 1. | Tuberculosis, respiratory ... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0.22 |
| 2. | Tuberculosis, other forms ... | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.04 |
| 3. | Syphilitic Disease ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 4. | Diphtheria ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 5. | Whooping Cough ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 6. | Meningococcal Infections ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 7. | Acute Poliomyelitis ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 8. | Measles ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 9. | Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 10. | Malignant Neoplasm, stomach ... | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0.26 |
| 11. | Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus ... | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0.22 |
| 12. | Malignant Neoplasm, breast ... | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.09 |
| 13. | Malignant Neoplasm, uterus ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 14. | Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms ... | 16 | 11 | 27 | 1.19 |
| 15. | Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.09 |
| 16. | Diabetes ... | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.09 |
| 17. | Vascular lesions of nervous system ... | 11 | 20 | 31 | 1.37 |
| 18. | Coronary Disease, Angina ... | 29 | 8 | 37 | 1.63 |
| 19. | Hypertension, with Heart Disease ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.13 |
| 20. | Other Heart Disease ... | 30 | 46 | 76 | 3.36 |
| 21. | Other Circulatory Disease ... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0.18 |
| 22. | Influenza ... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0.22 |
| 23. | Pneumonia ... | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.09 |
| 24. | Bronchitis ... | 8 | 3 | 11 | 0.49 |
| 25. | Other Diseases of respiratory system ... | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0.35 |
| 26. | Ulcer of stomach & duodenum ... | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0.18 |
| 27. | Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea ... | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.09 |
| 28. | Nephritis & Nephrosis ... | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0.22 |
| 29. | Hyperplasia of prostate ... | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.13 |
| 30. | Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 31. | Congenital Malformations ... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.04 |
| 32. | Other Defined & Ill-Defined Diseases ... | 10 | 10 | 20 | 0.89 |
| 33. | Motor Vehicle Accidents ... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0.22 |
| 34. | All Other Accidents ... | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0.18 |
| 35. | Suicide ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 36. | Homicide & Operations of War ... | 0 | 0 | 0, | 0.00 |

ALL CAUSES : Males - 147. Females - 124
 Total - 271

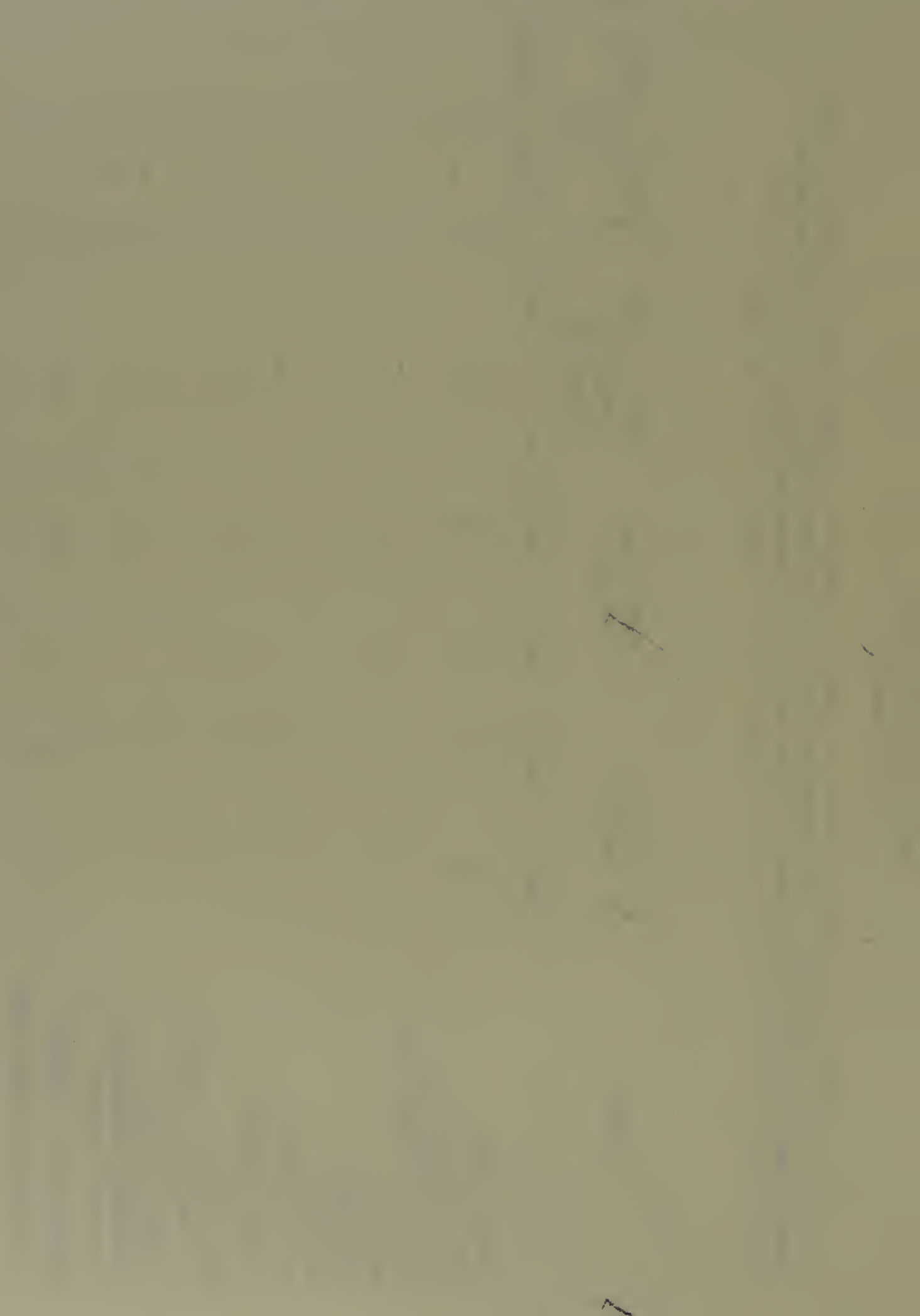
GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY) - VITAL STATISTICS, 1957.

| | BIRTHS | | | DEATHS | | | INFANT MORTALITY | | NEO-NAT. MORTALITY | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| | Estimated Population 1957 | Rate per 1,000 population | | Number of Deaths | Rate per 1,000 population | | Deaths under 1 Year | Rate per 1,000 Live Births | Deaths under 4 weeks | Rate per 1,000 Live Births | |
| | | Number of Births | Crude | | Adjusted | Crude | | | | | Adjusted |
| England & Wales | | 722,952 | 16.10 | - | 514,946 | 11.5 | - | 16,641 | 23.00 | 11,904 | 16.5 |
| Administ. County | 740,600 | 12,081 | 16.31 | 16.15 | 9,085 | 12.27 | 13.99 | 380 | 31.45 | 263 | 21.77 |
| Urban Districts | 535,500 | 8,826 | 16.48 | 16.32 | 6,582 | 12.29 | 14.13 | 290 | 32.86 | 202 | 22.89 |
| Rural Districts | 205,100 | 3,255 | 15.87 | 16.35 | 2,503 | 12.20 | 13.18 | 90 | 27.65 | 61 | 18.74 |
| Const. Districts : | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdare Urban | 40,100 | 611 | 15.24 | 15.70 | 581 | 14.49 | 14.92 | 23 | 37.64 | 18 | 29.46 |
| Mount'n Ash Urban | 30,590 | 520 | 17.00 | 16.83 | 411 | 13.44 | 16.26 | 23 | 44.23 | 15 | 28.85 |
| Caerphilly Urban | 37,330 | 666 | 17.84 | 16.95 | 352 | 9.43 | 12.73 | 21 | 31.53 | 15 | 22.52 |
| Galligaer Urban | 36,260 | 667 | 18.39 | 18.94 | 405 | 11.17 | 14.07 | 22 | 32.98 | 14 | 20.99 |
| Bridgend Urban | 14,810 | 278 | 18.77 | 17.83 | 173 | 11.68 | 12.61 | 13 | 46.76 | 8 | 28.78 |
| MAESTEG URBAN | 22,640 | 365 | 16.12 | 16.12 | 271 | 11.97 | 15.20 | 11 | 30.14 | 10 | 27.40 |
| Ogmore/Garw Urban | 22,180 | 339 | 15.28 | 15.28 | 256 | 11.54 | 13.96 | 10 | 29.50 | 4 | 11.80 |
| Porthcawl Urban | 10,310 | 130 | 12.61 | 12.86 | 140 | 13.58 | 11.54 | 6 | 46.15 | 5 | 38.46 |
| Penybont Rural | 35,660 | 596 | 16.71 | 17.38 | 524 | 14.69 | 13.22 | 19 | 31.88 | 11 | 18.46 |
| Neath M.B. | 31,170 | 435 | 13.96 | 12.98 | 379 | 12.16 | 13.74 | 13 | 29.89 | 7 | 16.09 |
| Neath Rural | 41,370 | 607 | 14.67 | 14.38 | 426 | 10.30 | 13.08 | 15 | 24.71 | 13 | 21.42 |
| Llantrisant Rural | 25,780 | 467 | 18.11 | 17.39 | 262 | 10.16 | 13.00 | 14 | 29.98 | 10 | 21.41 |
| Pontypridd Urban | 37,590 | 585 | 15.56 | 14.94 | 527 | 14.02 | 15.28 | 17 | 29.06 | 11 | 18.80 |
| Glyncorrwg Urban | 9,750 | 212 | 21.74 | 21.31 | 107 | 10.97 | 15.69 | 6 | 28.30 | 5 | 23.58 |
| Port Talbot M.B. | 47,780 | 899 | 18.82 | 18.26 | 505 | 10.57 | 13.64 | 35 | 38.93 | 22 | 24.47 |
| Barry M.B. | 42,020 | 765 | 18.21 | 17.48 | 464 | 11.04 | 12.14 | 28 | 36.60 | 20 | 26.14 |
| Cardiff Rural | 39,180 | 593 | 15.14 | 16.20 | 561 | 14.32 | 11.74 | 14 | 23.61 | 10 | 16.86 |
| Cowbridge M.B. | 1,010 | 11 | 10.89 | 11.33 | 11 | 10.89 | 11.33 | - | - | - | - |
| Cowbridge Rural | 19,310 | 360 | 18.64 | 20.69 | 148 | 7.66 | 13.33 | 8 | 22.22 | 6 | 16.67 |
| Penarth Urban | 19,200 | 321 | 16.72 | 16.55 | 232 | 12.08 | 11.11 | 11 | 34.27 | 9 | 28.04 |
| Gower Rural | 11,920 | 197 | 16.53 | 17.36 | 159 | 13.34 | 12.14 | 8 | 40.61 | 5 | 25.38 |
| Llchwyr Urban | 25,860 | 348 | 13.46 | 13.73 | 289 | 11.18 | 13.08 | 6 | 17.24 | 5 | 14.37 |
| Pontardawe Rural | 31,880 | 435 | 13.64 | 13.78 | 423 | 13.27 | 14.46 | 12 | 27.59 | 6 | 13.79 |
| Rhondda M.B. | 106,900 | 1,674 | 15.66 | 15.35 | 1,479 | 13.84 | 16.05 | 45 | 26.88 | 34 | 20.31 |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Maesteg Urban District

The following table gives the number of cases of infectious diseases originally notified during 1957 and of the final numbers after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or medical superintendent of the infectious diseases hospitals. A column is also given showing the number of deaths from certain infectious diseases during the year.

| DISEASE | ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED | | AFTER FINAL CORRECTION | | TOTAL FOR 1957 AFTER FINAL CORRECTION | NUMBER OF DEATHS IN 1957 | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Males | Females | | Males | Females |
| SCARLET FEVER | 35 | 25 | 35 | 25 | 60 | - | - |
| WHOOPING COUGH | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 27 | - | - |
| ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ACUTE POLIOENCEPHALITIS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MEASLES | 78 | 93 | 80 | 92 | 172 | - | - |
| DIPHTHERIA | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DYSENTERY | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| FOOD POISONING | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| ACUTE PNEUMONIA | 23 | 15 | 23 | 15 | 38 | - | 2 |
| ERYSIPELAS | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | - | - |
| MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| PUERPERAL PYREXIA | - | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| PARATYPHOID FEVERS | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TUBERCULOSIS, PULMONARY | 13 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 25 | 3 | 2 |
| TUBERCULOSIS, OTHER FORMS | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | - | 1 |



INTERNATIONAL SANITARY REGULATIONS
TRAVELLERS ABROAD
CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

Each year, several certificates are brought to the Health Department by people who are travelling abroad either for holidays or emigrating.

In accordance with the Regulations, some of these certificates are required to be stamped with an approved stamp at the Health Department in the district where the vaccination was performed. It therefore does not necessarily take place in the district where the traveller is a resident.

Generally speaking, most certificates attended to at the Department are for vaccination against Smallpox and Cholera. Certification of certificates of vaccination against such diseases as Yellow Fever is carried out at the actual centre where the vaccination is performed.

The essential part of the certification is recognition of the signature shown as being that of a local practitioner performing the vaccination. Particular attention is also paid to the method of dating in order to avoid any unnecessary delay in travellers being allowed ashore 'at the other end.'

These certificates are not to be obtained by travellers at the Health Department and it is not the responsibility of either the Medical Officer of Health or the Local Authority to provide them. However, a small stock is kept at the Department for emergency use only as travel agencies usually supply them - also employers who are engaging people for work abroad.

During the year 1957, 27 certificates were dealt with at the Health Department.

INFANT DEATHS, 1957 ---

| <u>Sex</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Cause of Death</u> |
|------------|------------|---|
| M | 10 minutes | Prematurity |
| M | 30 minutes | Prematurity |
| M | 2 hours | Atelectasis Prematurity |
| F | 6 hours | Atelectasis Prematurity |
| M | 8 hours | Prematurity |
| M | 8 hours | Prematurity |
| F | 2 days | Prematurity |
| F | 2 days | Aspiration Pneumonia |
| F | 2 days | Intracranial Trauma |
| M | 3 weeks | Spina Bifida |
| M | 11 months | Multilobular Cirrhosis Neo-natal Hepatitis |

Total ... 11

TUBERCULOSIS
Maesteg Urban District

In the course of the year, the number of notifications of Tuberculosis (Pulmonary and Other Forms) received, was 29. This figure shows an increase of 4 on the previous year.

The number of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year was 13 males and 12 females.

The number of deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis was 5; of these, 3 had not been notified previously as cases of Tuberculosis.

There was one death from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Distribution of notifications and deaths is as follows :-

| <u>Ward</u> | <u>NOTIFICATIONS</u> | | <u>DEATHS</u> | |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> |
| Caerau | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Nantyffyllon | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| East | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| West | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals ... | 25 | 4 | 5 | 1 |

At the end of the year, after death removals, cures, altered diagnosis and transfers had been adjusted, there were 287 cases on the Department's Register, made up as follows :-

| | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Males ... | 123 | 18 |
| Females ... | 122 | 24 |
| Totals ... | 245 | 42 |

The following Tables give the number of notifications received for the period 1947 - 1957 (inclusive) :-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis :

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1947 | 21 | 19 | 40 |
| 1948 | 12 | 20 | 32 |
| 1949 | 24 | 15 | 39 |
| 1950 | 17 | 15 | 32 |
| 1951 | 8 | 16 | 24 |
| 1952 | 18 | 18 | 36 |
| 1953 | 17 | 14 | 31 |
| 1954 | 15 | 20 | 35 |
| 1955 | 5 | 12 | 17 |
| 1956 | 18 | 7 | 25 |
| 1957 | 13 | 12 | 25 |

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis :

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1947 | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| 1948 | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| 1949 | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| 1950 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 1951 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 1952 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 1953 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 1954 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 1955 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 1956 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1957 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

No special provision is made by the Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis, but this is left to the medical practitioner in attendance who, either directly or through the Medical Officer of Health, obtains the assistance of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board. No action was taken by the Council for the removal of patients under Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936, during the year 1957.

HEALTH SERVICES

The following Health Services are the responsibility of the Glamorgan County Council :-

1. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
2. Domiciliary Midwifery.
3. Health Visiting.
4. Home Nursing.
5. Vaccination and Immunisation.
6. Ambulance Services.
7. Prevention of Illness; Care and After-Care.
8. Domestic Help Service.
9. Duties connected with Lunacy and Mental Health.
10. Provision of Health Centres.

These services are administered through the Divisional Office, County Council Offices, Quarella Road, Bridgend, with the exception of Lunacy, Mental Health and the County Ambulance Service.

The Hospitals of Mid-Glamorgan are administered by the Regional Hospital Board through the Mid-Glamorgan Hospital Management Committee in Neath.

(1) SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The Medical Inspection of school-children and the holding of Ophthalmic, Dental & Orthopaedic Clinics is done by the County Council. The various age groups are examined periodically and from the school inspections, referred to the various clinics if so required.

Cod liver oil and malt is provided for cases of under-nutrition or under-development. In cases of infectious disease special steps are taken in conjunction with the school authorities to exclude all scholars, where considered necessary, who have been in contact with the patient.

(2)

MATERNAL & CHILD WELFARE

The Glamorgan County Council maintains an ante-natal clinic every Monday afternoon in the Maternal & Child Welfare Centre, Church Street, Maesteg. The Regional Hospital Board provides, in addition, ante-natal clinics attended by local practitioners in the same building.

Child Welfare Clinics are held every Tuesday morning and afternoon, while in addition, clinics are held fortnightly in Trinity Church Hall Nantyffyllon on Thursdays, and in the Spritualist Church Hall, Caerau, on Wednesdays, and at the Park Site Mission Hall on alternate Thursday mornings.

The Maesteg General Hospital provides accommodation for 11 patients. Other cases are delivered by the County Midwives at home or referred to the Mid-Glamorgan Hospital, Bridgend, for delivery. All maternity bookings are made by the Divisional Medical Officer via the general practitioners in the clinic.

The County Council also provides for certain aspects of the care and treatment of mentally defective or physically handicapped children. These cases are brought to light by school medical inspections and child welfare clinics or referred by general practitioners. In Maesteg a school clinic is provided in Plasnewydd School for dental, orthopaedic and refraction cases. Homeless or neglected children are provided for in the Cottage Home, Bridgend, through the Children's Officer.

(3)

TUBERCULOSIS

Institutions are maintained by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board for the treatment of persons suffering from Tuberculosis. A Tuberculosis clinic is held in the Maternal & Child Welfare Centre, Church Street, Maesteg, on Wednesday and Friday mornings of each week.

(4)

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Officers of the National Assistance Board, stationed locally, now have an Office at the Ministry of Labour & National Service Castle Street, Maesteg.

(5)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Maesteg Isolation Hospital provides accommodation for 18 patients.

(6)

SMALLPOX

Cases of suspected or confirmed Smallpox in South Wales will be admitted in the first instance to Penrhys Hospital, Rhondda. This hospital can be made ready to admit patients within an hour from the time of notification. Where the consultant decides that a case should be admitted to a smallpox hospital he will arrange directly with Penrhys Hospital for the hospital to be made ready to receive the patient.

(7)

GENERAL

The Maesteg General Hospital provides accommodation for 58 patients.

(8)

CHRONIC SICK

The Llwydarth Hospital, Maesteg, which was formerly the Maesteg Maternity Home, was converted into a chronic sick unit of 13 beds and admissions commenced on 1st April, 1957. Patients admitted are mainly from the Maesteg Area and are attended by their own general practitioners who are also responsible for admissions.

(9)

VACCINATION & IMMUNISATION

Vaccination of children against Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Smallpox and Poliomyelitis is carried out by the County Council, and for further particulars enquiries should be made at the nearest clinic.

(10)

AMBULANCES

The ambulance services are under the direction of the County Council. ALL CALLS for the service are dealt with via the main station at Aberkenfig (Telephone No. - ABERKENFIG 303), while sub-stations are established in the Maesteg General Hospital and in Caerau. Requests for ambulances not required until the next day are met by means of a certificate signed by a doctor, nurse or midwife and handed in at the local ambulance station not later than 8 p.m. on the previous day.

In emergencies, or when ambulances are required on the same day, requests are made by telephone to Aberkenfig and the certificate handed to the ambulance driver when conveying the patient. The conveyance of maternity cases is arranged in the same manner. Where accidents or other emergencies occur adjacent to an ambulance sub-station, drivers have been instructed to deal with the situation themselves and inform the ambulance control station of the action they are taking.

(11) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The County Council provides the following Clinics :-

| | | | | |
|--|-----|---|-----|-----------------------|
| 1. Ante-Natal | ... | Monday afternoons | ... | Maesteg |
| 2. Child Welfare | ... | Tuesdays all day | ... | Maesteg |
| 3. Child Welfare | ... | Wednesday afternoons... (fortnightly) | | Caerau |
| 4. Child Welfare | ... | Thursday afternoons ... (fortnightly) | | Nantyffyllon |
| 5. Child Welfare | ... | Thursday mornings (fortnightly) | ... | Park Site, Maesteg |
| 6. Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisation | | Thursday mornings (fortnightly) | ... | Maesteg |
| 7. Birth Control | ... | 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons (monthly) | | Bridgend |

School Clinics :-

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|--|-----|-------------------------------|
| 8. Orthopaedic | ... | Monthly | ... | Plasnewydd School, Maesteg |
| 9. Dental | ... | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoons and all day Thursday | | Plasnewydd School, Maesteg |
| 10. Refraction | ... | Periodically as required | ... | Plasnewydd School, Maesteg |

The Regional Hospital Board provides :-

1. Clinics in the Maesteg General Hospital :

| | | | |
|----------------|------|-----|--|
| Medical | ... | ... | Alternate Tuesday afternoons fortnightly (by appointment) |
| Surgical | ... | ... | Thursday afternoons. |
| Gynaecological | ... | ... | Friday mornings |
| Ophthalmic | ... | ... | Periodically Tuesday mornings |
| E.N.T. | ... | ... | Alternate Monday afternoons |
| Dermatology | ... | ... | As required |
| Paediatrics | ... | ... | Thursday afternoons (fortnightly) |
| Radiology | .... | ... | Daily |

2. Ante-Natal Clinics for general practitioners in relation to the Maternity Section, General Hospital, held in the Maternal & Child Welfare Centre, Church Street, Maesteg.
3. Chest Clinics on Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Maesteg Tuberculosis Clinic, Maternal & Child Welfare Centre, Church Street, Maesteg.
4. Venereal Diseases - V.D. Clinic, Opposite General Station, Port Talbot. Treatment is free and confidential.

(12)

LABORATORY SERVICES

Bacteriological and pathological examinations are carried out free of charge by the staff of the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff. Chemical analysis is also undertaken, for which a charge is made.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 - SECTION 176
POWER OF LOCAL AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF THE
PREVENTION & TREATMENT OF BLINDNESS

All arrangements under this Section are undertaken by the Glamorgan County Council.

CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

The Inspector of the local branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, maintains close co-operation with the Department. A number of cases of neglected or ill-treated children is investigated by the Inspector each year, sometimes at the request of the Health Department.

CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Premises where cases of infectious disease occur are visited where this is thought necessary. The taking of swabs and immunisation of all contacts where applicable is undertaken by the Medical Officer of Health.

If removal to hospital is necessary, infected rooms are disinfected by the Department at the patient's home. When the patient is isolated at home, this is done on termination of the illness. Infected clothing, bedding, etc., are sometimes removed on request to the Maesteg Isolation Hospital and dealt with by steam-disinfection.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948
BURIAL OR CREMATION OF THE DEAD

There was one burial arranged during the year.

SUMMARY OF VISITS UNDERTAKEN
BY THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR 1957

INSPECTIONS :-

| | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Water Supply | .... | .... | .... | .... | 211 |
| Drainage | .... | .... | .... | .... | 36 |
| Offensive Trades | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 |
| Factories & Workshops | .... | .... | .... | .... | 37 |
| Bakehouses | .... | .... | .... | .... | 23 |
| Public Conveniences | .... | .... | .... | .... | 59 |
| Cinemas, etc | .... | .... | .... | .... | 20 |
| Refuse Collection & Disposal |  | .... | .... | .... | 93 |
| Rats and Mice | .... | .... | .... | .... | 793 |
| Houses under the Public Health, Housing & Rent Acts |  |  |  | .... | 750 |
| Overcrowding | .... | .... | .... | .... | 6 |
| Verminous Premises | .... | .... | .... | .... | 194 |
| Infectious Diseases | .... | .... | .... | .... | 62 |
| Food Shops | .... | .... | .... | .... | 280 |
| Dairies | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 |
| Ice-Cream Premises | .... | .... | .... | .... | 35 |
| Slaughterhouses | .... | .... | .... | .... | 372 |
| Fried Fish Shops | .... | .... | .... | .... | 16 |
| Pet Animals Shop (Market Stall) | .... | .... | .... | .... | 10 |

HOUSING

During the year, housing accommodation was found in the Urban Area for 94 families. The approximate number on the waiting list for Council Houses at the end of 1957 was 820. The National Coal Board nominated 37 families for accommodation and this figure is included in the 94 families re-housed.

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----|
| By the Local Authority | ... | 83 |
| By other persons or bodies | ... | 1 |

Total number of houses owned by the Local Authority :-

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|---|
| (a) Under the Housing Acts | ... | 822 (including 49 Arcon Bungalows; 20 Traditional Type have been sold to Tenants and are not included in this total). |
| (b) Other Powers | ... | 9. |

DISINFESTATION

Council and private dwellings were disinfested during the year. D.D.T. and Gammexane in various forms were used for the purpose.

Each time a new house is allocated by the Council to a tenant, the former house and furniture are inspected before a new residence is taken up. The house and furniture are then treated, if found necessary.

The following table gives the number of houses treated during the year :-

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| Council Houses (Bug infestation) | ... | 10 |
| Private Dwellings " " | ... | 25 |
| Council Houses (Cockroach " " | ... | 30 |
| Private Dwellings " " | ... | 50 |
| Council Houses (Ant " " | ... | 15 |
| Private Dwellings " " | ... | 64 |

Insecticide in various forms is issued, in some cases, to individual householders, with instructions as to its proper use.

STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED

During the year, 65 Abatement Notices under Section 93, Public Health Act, 1936, were served.

8 Notices under Section 138, Public Health Act, 1936 and Section 30, Water Act, 1945, were served, to provide dwellings with a sufficient supply of water for domestic and sanitary purposes of the occupants.

8 Notices were served under Section 39(i)(c), Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of defective drainage systems.

4 Notices were served under Section 58 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of dangerous, dilapidated and ruinous buildings.

1 Notice was served under Section 9, Housing Act, 1936.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Arising from the Abatement Notices served, court proceedings were instituted against property owners for failure to abate nuisances arising from structural and sanitary defects, in respect of 20 properties. Court Orders were made for the repairs to be carried out in respect of 11 properties.

HOUSING REPAIRS & RENTS ACT, 1954

During the year, 5 applications were received for Revocation of Certificates of Disrepair previously granted.

Four applications for Revocation were granted and one refused.

RENT & MORTGAGE INTEREST RESTRICTIONS ACTS, 1920 - 1939.

Three applications for Rent Certificates were granted during the year.

RENT ACT, 1957

The Rent Act, 1957, came into force on the 6th July, 1957.

The Act has added considerably to the work of Local Government Officers, especially the Public Health Inspectorate.

The local authority's main interests are :-

- (a) The effect of the Act on houses of which the rent has hitherto been fixed by the local authority themselves.
- (b) The effect of the Act on Council Houses.
- (c) The effect of the Act on requisitioned houses and houses formerly held under requisition.
- (d) Certificates of Disrepair (and this is the most important).

Certificates of Disrepair :-

The procedure here, which is quite different from that introduced by the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, may be summarised as follows :-

- (i) At any time the tenant may serve on the landlord a notice (Form G), specifying the defects which he thinks should be remedied. "Defects" is not defined for this purpose, and the standards of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, will not apply.

The local authority is confined to the defects as specified by the tenant when deciding whether or not a certificate of disrepair is to be issued.

- (ii) The landlord then has to be allowed six weeks in which to rectify the defects or give an undertaking (Form H) to the effect that they will be rectified.
- (iii) In default of (ii), the tenant may then apply to the local authority (Form I) - fee of 2/6d, for a certificate of disrepair.

- (iv) The local authority must give three weeks' notice to the landlord (Form J) of their intention to issue a certificate, having first satisfied themselves that a certificate ought to be issued.
- (v) In that three weeks the landlord may undertake on Form K, not Form H at this stage, to remedy the defects.

The authority may refuse to accept an undertaking in three classes of cases :

- (a) If a landlord has previously had a certificate of disrepair issued against him in respect of the dwelling, or
- (b) has failed in an undertaking to do repairs, or
- (c) has, in certain cases, been subject to action under Section 10, Housing Act, 1936, or under the Public Health Act.

If the local authority so refuse, or if no such undertaking is given within three weeks, they must issue a certificate of disrepair (Form L).

- (vi) The landlord may apply to the local county court to quash (or vary) a certificate of disrepair, or he may at any time apply to the local authority for the cancellation of the certificate on the ground that the defects specified in the certificate (which must be confined to defects appearing on the original application) have been remedied.

In the latter case (the application must be on Form 7 - fee of 2/6d) the local authority must give the tenant three weeks' notice (Form N) of their intention to cancel the certificate.

If no objection is received from the tenant within that period, they must cancel the certificate.

- (vii) Further, where a landlord has undertaken to remedy defects (either to the tenant or to the local authority), the landlord or the tenant may apply to the local authority (Form O - fee of 2/6d) for a certificate stating that the defects have or have not been remedied.

This certificate must follow Form P.

During the year 1957, 42 applications were received from tenants for Certificates of Disrepair under the Act.

Of these, 26 Certificates were granted.

Undertakings were received and accepted from Landlords or their Agents in respect of 14 properties, to carry out the required works within a period of six months.

At the tenant's request, one application was withdrawn.

One application was 'held over' at the tenant's request as the required repairs had been commenced by the owner.

WATER

During the year, 19 samples of water were submitted for analysis to the County Laboratory. The samples are specified below :-

| <u>Taken from.</u> | <u>Date.</u> | <u>Bacteriological Examination.</u> | <u>Chemical Analysis.</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Tap, Mount Pleasant (from Spring) | 10.1.57. | Satisfactory | - |
| Tap, Cwmcerwyn Farm (Shallow Well) | 10.1.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Cwmcerwyn Farm (Shallow Well) | 6.2.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Caerau Road | 15.2.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Council Offices | 15.2.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Talbot Street | 26.3.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Town Hall | 26.3.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Market Hall | 29.4.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Health Department | 29.4.57. | " | - |
| Catchpit, Penylan Farm | 30.7.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Town Hall | 8.8.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Council Offices | 8.8.57. | " | - |
| Maesteg Swimming Pool Deep End | 28.5.57. | " | (The physical characters of the samples are satisfactory) |
| Maesteg Swimming Pool Shallow End | 28.5.57. | " | |
| Storage Tank, Caerymi Farm | 12.10.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Dairy, Caerymi Farm | 12.10.57. | " | - |
| Tap, Neath Road | 16.11.57. | " | - |

Copies of all laboratory reports (with the exception of those belonging to the swimming pools) were forwarded to the Engineer & Manager, Mid-Glamorgan Water Board. Reports of all samples taken from the pools are given to the Council's Surveyor and copies sent also to the Superintendent of each pool.

During the year the Department purchased its first 'all purposes' Lovibond Comparator for measuring the chlorine content at the swimming pools and also for testing the pH value (acidity). Samples are taken from the pools during the swimming season and tested at the Health Department.

There were no major works carried out by the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board in the Urban District during 1957.

All houses in the area are supplied with water from the public water mains with the exception of outlying farms and cottages which are not connected to the mains. An adequate supply of water was maintained throughout the District during the year.

ANNUAL RAINFALL

The total rainfall for the year, as registered at the Council's Welfare Park, was 79.35 inches. The following Table gives the rainfall records in the Area of the Mid-Glam. Water Board for 1957 :-

| MONTH | MERTHYR MAWR (1) | BRIDGEND (2) | SCHWYLL (3) | LLANHARAN ST. ATHAN (4) | PWLLWY (6) | MAESTEG (7) | NANT-Y- MOEL (8) | PONT-Y- CYMMER (9) |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jany | 3.46 | 2.93 | 3.52 | 5.63 | 4.35 | 7.94 | 13.13 | 11.75 |
| Feby | 5.38 | 4.28 | 4.80 | 5.50 | 4.98 | 7.14 | 9.57 | 8.35 |
| Mar | 5.30 | 4.69 | 5.14 | 6.78 | 5.87 | 11.16 | 13.39 | 12.29 |
| April | 0.31 | 0.41 | 0.26 | 0.45 | 0.27 | 1.22 | 1.07 | 0.96 |
| May | 1.59 | 1.88 | 1.63 | 1.90 | 1.29 | 3.58 | 3.53 | 3.45 |
| June | 1.04 | 1.23 | 1.26 | 1.45 | 1.49 | 1.37 | 1.46 | 1.48 |
| July | 5.22 | 5.46 | 5.14 | 4.70 | 4.86 | 7.59 | 9.85 | 8.22 |
| Aug | 4.45 | 4.79 | 4.32 | 4.48 | 4.41 | 8.05 | 8.96 | 8.15 |
| Sept | 6.13 | 6.24 | 5.96 | 7.39 | 6.24 | 13.53 | 15.37 | 13.19 |
| Oct | 4.36 | 3.86 | 3.42 | 5.67 | 4.74 | 9.16 | 12.20 | 10.03 |
| Nov | 3.39 | 2.65 | 3.52 | 2.87 | 3.69 | 3.11 | 3.92 | 3.29 |
| Dec | 1.97 | 2.19 | 2.23 | 3.16 | 2.42 | 5.50 | 8.06 | 6.98 |
| TOTALS | 42.60 | 40.61 | 41.20 | 49.98 | 44.61 | 79.35 | 100.51 | 88.14 |

Average Annual Rainfall (Maesteg Area) over the previous 20 years = 70.22 inches.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including Inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :-

| Premises (1) | m/c line no. (2) | Number on Register (3) | Inspections (4) | Written Notices (5) | Occupiers Prosecuted (6) | m/c line no. (7) |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 1 | 43 | 37 | - | - | 1 |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 2 | 26 | 23 | - | - | 2 |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Total | | 69 | 60 | - | - | |

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

| Particulars (1) | m/c line no. (2) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (7) | m/c line no. (8) |
|---|---------------------------|--|-----------------|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| | | Found (3) | Remedied (4) | Referred to H.M. Inspector (5) | Referred by H.M. Inspector (6) | | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | 4 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | 5 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 5 |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | 6 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 6 |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | 7 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 7 |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | 8 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 8 |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | 9 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 9 |
| (a) Insufficient | 10 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 10 |
| (b) Unsuitable for sexes | 11 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 11 |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | 12 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 12 |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | | | | | | | |
| Total | 60 | ..... |  |  |  |  | 60 |

3. - OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 & 111) : " N I L "

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
RODENT CONTROL ACTIVITIES

During the year 1957, two complete maintenance treatments of the Council's Sewers were carried out. The following table gives the state of infestation in the Area for the 12 months - April, 1957-March, 1958 :-

| | TYPE OF PROPERTY Non-Agricultural | | | | (5) Agricultural |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|
| | (1) Local Authority | (2) Dwellings (inc. Council Houses) | (3) All other (inc. Business Premises) | (4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3) | |
| I. Number of properties in the Area | 26 | 5,813 | 767 | 6,606 | 24 |
| II. Number of properties inspected, by :- (a) Notification (b) Survey under the Act (c) Otherwise | - 26 | 155 461 - | 10 19 - | 165 506 - | - 8 - |
| III. Total inspections and re-inspections | 38 | 696 | 59 | 793 | 8 |
| IV. Properties (in Sect. II) infested by: (a) Rats ... (Major ... (Minor ... (b) Mice ... (Major ... (Minor ... | 1 2 - - | - 183 - 18 | - 12 - - | 1 197 - 18 | - - - - |
| V. Infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by Local Authority ... | 3 | 201 | 12 | 216 | - |
| VI. Total treatments carried out, including re-treatments ... | 6 | 218 | 14 | 238 | - |

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

The act stipulates that a person shall not keep a pet shop unless licensed by the local authority in whose area it is situated.

The one pet shop in the Maesteg District - that of the inside Market Hall - was again licensed during the year.

OLD METAL & MARINE STORES PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, AMENDMENT ACT, 1907, SECTION 86

There were no persons registered under the act during the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES - PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 107

Three persons were granted Renewals of Consents to Establish an Offensive Trade during the year.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 TO 1954 SLAUGHTERING

During the year, 11 Licences to Slaughter animals were granted in the Urban Area. The provisions of the Acts relating to humane slaughtering were carried out.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955 SLAUGHTERHOUSE

There was one Licence granted during the year for the keeping of premises as a Slaughterhouse. The premises are situated at the rear of No. 263 Bridgend Road, Maesteg.

SUMMARY OF THE MEAT & OTHER FOODS
CONDEMNED IN THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 1957
Maesteg Urban District

| Description | Reason for Condemnation | Approximate Weight (lbs) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 173 Bovine Livers | Parasitic & Bacterial Diseases | 1,730 |
| 59 " Lungs | " " " | 245 |
| 8 " Heads | " " " | 240 |
| 2 Parts Bovine Carcase | Tuberculosis | 510 |
| Beef | Bruised & Bone Taint | 649 |
| 230 Sheep Livers | Parasitic Diseases | 690 |
| 258 " Lungs | " " | 516 |
| 3 " Carcases | Emaciation & Parasitic Diseases | 52 |
| 3 Pig's Heads | Tuberculosis | 30 |
| 18 " Lungs | Parasitic Diseases | 20 |
| 28 " Livers | " " | 56 |
| Total ... | | 4,738 |

Other Foods :-

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Canned Meat | Decomposition & Blown | 772 |
| " Veg. & Fruit | Blown & Damaged | 499 |
| Misc. Canned Goods | " " | 81 |
| Dry Fish | Decomposition | 98 |
| Wet Fish | " | 28 |
| Cheese | Mould | 63 |
| Bacon | Decomposition | 84 |
| Poultry | " | 10 |
| Total ... | | 1,635 |

Canned foods shown in the above list are disposed of by first puncturing the tins and burying them afterwards at the Council's refuse tip. Certain other foods are also disposed of in the same way.

CARCASSES & OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN
WHOLE OR PART
Maesteg Urban District

| | Cattle including Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------|-------|--------|
| Number killed (if known) | 1,278 | 473 | 5,203 | 2,031 | - |
| Number inspected | 1,150 | 436 | 4,010 | 1,830 | - |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci | - | - | - | - | - |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 197 | 4 | 288 | 35 | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis & Cysticerci | 17.1 | 1.1 | 7.2 | 1.9 | - |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u> | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 21 | - | - | 6 | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | 1.78 | - | - | 0.3 | - |
| <u>Cysticercosis</u> | | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned | - | - | - | - | - |

SUPERVISION OF MILK DISTRIBUTION
FOOD & DRUGS (MILK, DAIRIES & ARTIFICIAL CREAM) ACT, 1950

During the year, 23 samples of heat-treated and pasteurised milk were submitted to the laboratory for bacteriological examination. All the samples were satisfactory.

16 samples of ungraded milk were submitted for examination; 12 were satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory.

15 samples of milk were submitted for biological examination and were free from Tubercle Bacilli.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION)
(PASTEURISED & STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949 - 1953

Under the provisions of the Regulations, 14 Dealer's Licences were issued to use the special designations "Pasteurised," "Sterilised," or "T.T. Pasteurised," in relation to milk sold in the Urban Area, during the year.

7 Dairies are registered within the Council's Area under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.

ICE-CREAM
THE FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955
THE ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC) REGULATIONS,
1947 TO 1952.

One shop premises were registered during the year for the sale of ice-cream. Samples of ice-cream submitted to the laboratory for bacteriological examination and chemical analysis were found to be satisfactory.

At the end of the year 1957, 86 business premises were on the Department's Register as registered under the Act for the sale of ice-cream and 6 business premises for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream. The Heat Treatment Regulations were complied with locally by the manufacturers of ice-cream.

THE FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

We are indebted to the County Medical Officer for the following summary of articles of foodstuffs sampled by the County Public Health Inspectors in the Maesteg District during the year :-

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|---------------------|-----|
| Aspirin | 2 | Meat Products | |
| Baking Powder | 3 | (Canned) | 3 |
| Beef Extract Jelly | 1 | Mushrooms (Canned) | 1 |
| Butter | 4 | Oatcakes | 1 |
| Cod Liver Oil | 3 | Oatmeal | 1 |
| Condensed Milk | 1 | Protein Food | 1 |
| Castor Oil | 1 | Porridge Oats | 1 |
| Cochineal | 1 | Pepper | 2 |
| Cream | 9 | Parsley | 1 |
| Cooking Fat | 1 | Rice | 1 |
| Cake Mixture | 6 | Semolina | 1 |
| Dessicated Coconut | 1 | Shredded Beef Suet | 1 |
| Epsom Salts | 1 | Stuffing | 1 |
| Flour | 1 | Sweets | 2 |
| Fruit (Canned) | 7 | Sauce | 4 |
| Flavouring | 1 | Soft Drinks | 4 |
| Frizets | 2 | Soup (Canned) | 1 |
| Fish Paste | 6 | Salad Dressing | 2 |
| Fish (Canned) | 4 | Sandwich Spread | 6 |
| Flour | 2 | Tapioca | 2 |
| Fruit Juices | 4 | Trifle Pack | 1 |
| Glucose | 1 | Tea | 3 |
| Gripe Cure | 1 | Vinegar | 4 |
| Gravy Browning | 1 | Vegetables (Canned) | 4 |
| Ground Almonds | 1 | Vitamin Capsules | 1 |
| Horlicks Tablets | 1 | | |
| Honey | 1 | | |
| Ice-Cream | 7 | Total ... | 165 |
| Iron Tonic | 2 | | |
| Indian Brandee | 1 | | |
| Jelly | 4 | | |
| Liquid Fruit Pectin | 1 | | |
| Meat Paste | 1 | | |
| Mustard | 1 | | |
| Mint | 1 | | |
| Milk | 28 | | |
| Mincemeat | 2 | | |
| Marmalade | 1 | | |

SEWAGE WORKS

The new Maesteg Sewage Works has now been operating for four years; approximately two million gallons per day of sewage is treated.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The Council's system of daily refuse collection is still in force. The only dwellings where collection is not possible is from certain outlying farms and cottages.

The new road constructed by the Surveyor's Department in 1957 leading from Blaencaerau Road to Dunraven Street has made more convenient the collection of refuse from this part of Caerau.

From time-to-time, leaflets warning occupiers of possible prosecution are distributed to individual houses and streets where refuse is known to be dumped in lanes, river banks, etc. A record is kept at the Department of the numbers of houses and streets to which leaflets are distributed.

The introduction of the approved standardised type of refuse receptacle and the erection of a refuse destruction works is a matter still worthy of the consideration of the Council.
